

Combat Identification Panels...

CIPS CDS IMPORTANT, TOO

THOSE TWO CDS REALLY HELPED ME GET MY CIP PANELS INSTALLED!

IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN THERE ABOUT HOW TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN 'EM, LEMME KNOW!



By now, all active Army units should have received their free-issue combat identification panels (CIPs).

CIPs panels are covered with a special thermal tape and come in different sizes to fit specific vehicle configurations. When mounted on the front, back and sides of a vehicle, they present a unique contrasting "cold spot" when viewed through a thermal-imaging device.

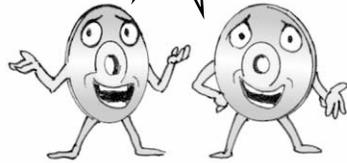
Gunners trained to recognize these unique signatures can tell if the vehicle in their sights is friendly or unknown. Additionally, when not in use, the panels should be placed in the "off position" by reversing them to protect the thermal tape.

Almost as important as the panels themselves is the CD set that accompanies the CIPS. *Combat Identification Panels Kit Installation* is a two-CD set that provides detailed video on how to install, use, maintain and clean the CIPS. It also includes thermal images of specific vehicles and printable versions of the combat vehicle mounting instructions.

If you need additional CD sets, contact Wayne Deutscher at the office of the Program Manager for Target Identification and Meteorological Sensors (PM TIMS). Call DSN 987-5272 or (732) 427-5272 or send an email to:

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WE'LL TELL YOU HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR CIPS PANELS!



You can also request extra copies by writing to:

PM TIMS

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You'll find more information about CIPs on Pages 2-5 of PS 594 (May 02). View the article on-line at:

http://www.logsa.army.mil/pub/psissues/ps_594.pdf

High Pressure Cleaning Caution

The CDs don't mention this, but you should **never** attempt to clean CIPs with a power washer or any other form of high pressure water. High pressure water will destroy the thermal tape. That ruins or seriously degrades the CIP's thermal signature and your protection from friendly forces.

Use a soft, clean, oil-free cloth to wipe the panels clean.

